

TOWN MEETING
2014
SELECTBOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014
10:00 AM

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Selectboard Members Present: Randy DeVine, Chair; Chris Santee, Vice-Chair, David Shea and Leebeth Ann Lemieux.

PUBLIC MEETING: In attendance were approximately 80 townspeople/legal voters. There were approximately eight students from BFA also in attendance.

(There are 3,299 registered voters of which 614 voted on Tuesday March 4th, 18.61%)

Call to Order: John Schraven, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Robert Rules of Order were reviewed.

A presentation by David Shea, Boy Scout Leader and Marshall Bushey, Boy Scout working towards his Eagle Scout badge was given. Marshall constructed a bench to be placed at the new town office as his project.

Randy DeVine, Chair of the Selectboard, opened the meeting and Chris Santee gave the presentation for the town.

A 10 minute break to turn down the lights ensued.

Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be voted on Tuesday, March 4th.

Article 3: Katrina Antonovich, Rec. Director gave a presentation on what the Rec. Department is proposing with her position going from a part-time to a full-time position.

Ernie Saunders: NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) gave a presentation on the town transitioning from a calendar year to a fiscal year, the advantages as well as the disadvantages.

Lunch Break: 1:15 pm.

Approximately 40 people returned to the meeting after the break.

Article 4: Fairfax Rescue: Nancy Liberty motioned with a second from Skip Taylor. The Article passed.

Article 5: Home Health \$8,750.00. Barb Murphy motioned with a second from Mike Cain. The Article passed.

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Article 6: Social Contributions in the amount of \$10,100.00. Mary Kay Raymond motioned with a second from Mike Cain. Discussion: Gary Gilbert asked that an amendment to the Article of a \$300.00 contribution to Franklin County Court Division (Item P). Peter King motioned the amendment with Paddy Shea second. Discussion: David Shea asked that a second amendment be entertained to include a contribution of \$500.00 to the Red Cross (Item Q): Paddy Shea made the motion with a second from Jason Boyd. The Article passed as amended with a total of \$10,900.00 awarded to Social Contributions.

Article 7: Surplus - Mike Cain motioned with a second from Nancy Liberty. Discussion: Barb Murphy suggested vetoing the article. Ben Albee concurred. Gary Gilbert stated that a positive vote is warranted. Barb Murphy stated that the word "shall" was a concern. The Article failed.

Article 8: Reports from Town Officers - Barb Murphy motioned with a second from Peg Gilbert. The Article passed.

Article 9: Tax bills in the hands of the Treasurer - Nancy Liberty motioned with a second from Peter King. The Article passed.

Article 10: Treasurer to collect taxes - Mike Cain motioned with a second from Nancy Liberty. The Article passed.

Article 11: SB to borrow money - Nancy Liberty motioned the Article with a second from Jason Boyd. The Article passed.

Article 12: Barb Murphy motioned the Article with a second from Lena Meunier. Discussion: Carl Jones suggested that the auditing firm A.M. Peisch use the term "Selectboard" as opposed to "selectman". Barb Murphy suggested that they change the Town Treasurer to an "elected position" and not an "appointed position" as stated in the audit report as well. The Article passed with the proposed amendments.

Article 13: Act on other business - Carol Roberts motioned the Article with a second from Darla Heyer. The Article passed.

Article 14: Recess Town Meeting - Nancy Liberty motioned the Article with a second from Mitch Clark. The Article passed.

Adjourn:

The Town portion of Town Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm. The school portion of the meeting was held after the Town.

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th at 7 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Randy DeVine, Chair
Town of Fairfax Selectboard

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